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TO: Iowa Medicaid Hospitals, Physicians, Rural Health Clinics, Local Education Agencies, Maternal Health Centers, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Family Planning Centers, Screening Centers, Area Education Agencies, Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners, Early Access Service Coordinators and Indian Health Service Providers

ISSUED BY: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Presumptive Eligibility for Children

EFFECTIVE: Upon Receipt

The Iowa Medicaid Enterprise has begun accepting applications to enroll as a *Qualified Entity* (QE) to make presumptive eligibility determinations. A qualified entity can “presume” that a child will be eligible for Medicaid based on a household’s statements regarding their circumstances and income and grant temporary Medicaid eligibility during the presumptive period. The goal of presumptive eligibility is to provide a process that allows children to obtain Medicaid-covered services while a formal Medicaid eligibility determination is being made by the Department of Human Services (DHS). Prior to becoming certified each QE will be required to view a web-based training module.

The Iowa Medicaid Portal Access system (IMPA) [https://secureapp.dhs.state.ia.us/imp/\(\(S\(thrsch3d1litlm45vy2s232s\)\)/Default.aspx](https://secureapp.dhs.state.ia.us/imp/((S(thrsch3d1litlm45vy2s232s))/Default.aspx), will be utilized to make the presumptive determinations. Internet access will be required for providers who wish to certify as qualified entities.

To begin the enrollment and certification process complete the Application to Make Presumptive Medicaid Eligibility for Children, form 470-4990, available online at <http://www.ime.state.ia.us/Providers/Forms.html>. Once approved providers will be contacted via email with a link to the web-based training and an acknowledgement of completion.

If you have any questions, please contact the IME Provider Enrollment Unit at 1-800-338-7909 (option 2), locally (in Des Moines) at 256-4609 (option 2) or by e-mail at imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us.